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Democrats endorse candidates

Special to the Journal

Madison County Democrats have endorsed a full slate of county candidates for the March primary, even before petitions can begin circulating.

About 50 party members met Wednesday night at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City, where the Democratic Central Committee gave the nod to incumbents Harry Briggs for regional school superintendent, Bob Churchich for sheriff and Mark Von Nida for county clerk. County Auditor Fred Bathon was endorsed for county treasurer, a seat now held by Republican Bill Aery.

The first day to circulate petitions for the March primary is Sept. 16. Filing dates are Dec. 8 to 15.

"This endorsement is earlier than ever before," said County Board member Alan Dunstan, D-Troy. "We don't even know yet who the candidates are."

Dunstan won the party's endorsement for treasurer in 1993 but lost in the three-way pri-

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mary race with former Treasurer Mick Henkhaus and banker Jim Foley. Henkhaus lost in the November 1994 general election to Republican incumbent John Shimkus.

"I had the endorsement last time, and I didn't win, but the only endorsement I'm concerned about is the one on Election Day," Dunstan said Thursday. He said he would decide in November if he will run again when all the players are known.

"I did not seek an endorsement this time, but I was irritated by the early decision. It normally comes in December," Dunstan said.

"I'm not saying anything bad about the party, but in the past, candidates also were invited to speak to township committeemen, and they

made recommendations to the executive committee. This year, it started at the top, and the average committeeman had no say."

Mac Warfield, chairman of the Madison County Democratic Party, said the early action by the central committee and committeemen will "allow the party to unify solidly behind the candidates prior to the March primary."

"We know all these candidates have the experience and background to successfully meet all the challenges set before them," he said in a statement released by the central committee.

Madison County Republican Party Chairman Ed Ragsdale called the September endorsement a typical Democratic machine maneuver.

"This is another example of doing the wishes of the machine and not the people. They are keeping a tight-knit group with jobs for the family," Ragsdale said.

Bathon is the only candidate endorsed by the Democrats who isn't an incumbent in the office he is seeking in November. He said he has a proven track record as an elected official and does not see the endorsement as being early.

"The party was very happy with the elected officials and believes the constituents are happy," he said. He plans to issue a formal statement Monday.

"I am very excited about the endorsement," Bathon said Thursday, calling it a tremendous asset to have the grass-roots workers carrying one's message to the voters.

"I would never run without an endorsement," he said. "That's how important I think it is. If I had not been endorsed last night, I would not be a candidate."

Bathon said the central committee invited

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Slow current Goods creep through locks while work continues on

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Area barge lines are feeling the financial crunch from necessary repairs at Lock and Dam 27 on the Mississippi River.

Fortunately for them, work is progressing smoothly.

"We're doing pretty good, and it looks like we'll be finished on schedule," said Lockmaster Ed Rogers.

Roughly 80 millions tons of shipping each year passes through the locks, off Highway 3 and north of the Melvin Price Support Center. The Army Corps of Engineers began in August a \$5.5 million modernization project on the main lock in the barge canal.

As of Friday morning, delays caused by the work has cost the barge industry \$5.5 million, said Mike Kruckeberg, acting navigation manager for the repair work.

LOCK AND DAM 27

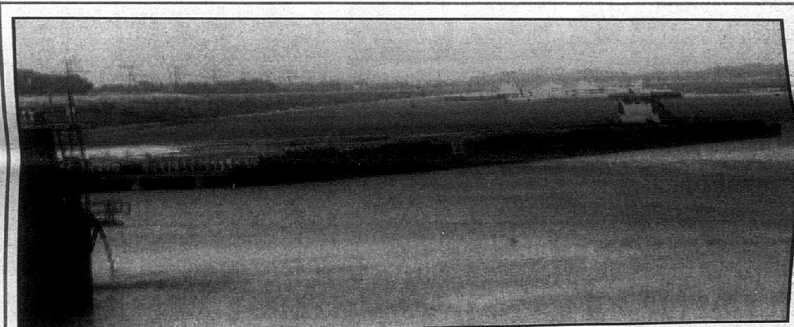
The work is being done at an off-peak time, right before the fall harvest. It takes about an hour and a half per tow now, under normal conditions, towing crews take about 20 minutes, Rogers said.

The 600-foot lock can only handle tows of nine or fewer barges, while the larger, 1,200-foot main lock, can handle the big 15-barge tows.

This forces large tows to break in half, increasing the time required to pass the lock, which is the lowest on the Mississippi, to 90 to 105 minutes instead of normal times of less than half an hour.

Rogers said the lock is currently letting 16 to 18 tows by a day, which is less than a third the number it is

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A nine-barge tow maneuvers past the wall separating the 1,200-foot main lock and the 600-foot auxiliary lock at Lock 27.

Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Baker receives old-time honors

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

In front of nearly 1,000 spectators filling the ballroom at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis, Granite City soccer coach Gene Baker was inducted into the St. Louis Old Time Soccer Hall of Fame on Thursday evening.

Baker received a standing ovation from the entire Granite City contingent of school officials, current and former players, friends and

family.

He spoke on the good luck that had been his to play and coach soccer in the greater St. Louis area. Baker is the all-time winningest soccer coach in Illinois history, and is the winningest active coach in America.

His nine state championship teams at Granite City also represent a state record.

Read more about Baker's special night and his accomplishments in Sports,

Special to the Journal

A body found Thursday in the Mississippi River near the old Chain of Rocks Bridge could be that of a towboat captain who fell overboard on Labor Day into the Missouri River near West Alton, Mo.

Charles R. Kauffman, 50, of Jackson, Mo., was swept away by the current about 8 a.m. Monday after tripping near the front of the towboat Vicksburg and falling into the Missouri while trying to help two crew

members coming aboard from a johnboat.

Deputies from the Madison County Sheriff's Department and members of the Twin Rivers Search and Rescue team worked several hours Friday

to recover the body from a berm along an inaccessible area of the riverbank. The site was less than two miles below the low water dam on the Illinois side of the Mississippi.

"All I can say positively is that it is the body of a white male. We will look at possible

fingerprints and dental records to make a positive identification," said Lt. Don Spaul, chief of detectives for the Sheriff's Department.

An autopsy was scheduled Friday.

"There were no obvious signs of trauma, but the body was fully clothed. It had been in the water several days," Spaul said.

A lone Missouri fisherman spotted the body about 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the end of one of several rock berms

extending from the Illinois bank into the river to control the flow. The body was clothed in a shirt and pants with one sock and no shoes. There was no life jacket, authorities said.

Water rescue teams from Illinois and Missouri searched the river for nine hours Monday but failed to find Kauffman, who fell into the water near the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers and was presumed drowned.

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Better late than never for academy

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Normally, students at Bethel Christian Academy in South Roxana are some of the first to start school.

However, last year, and again this year, they will be among the latest.

On Aug. 16, 1996 the school, operated by Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, 1417 Herbert St., burned down three days before classes were to start. Classes were delayed while temporary space was found

BETHEL SCHOOL

and construction started on a new school and sanctuary. This year, school is again delayed while the final touches are being made on the new building.

The Rev. Bill Crank, pastor of the church and school administrator, said things were coming together "really well."

"Not fast enough for me at times, it never has been," he said. "But for the fact that it's

only been a little over a year it's come along really well."

"They're laying carpet this week and finishing up the plumbing. Everything should be set pretty well by the first of the week."

The school — kindergarten through 12th grade — with about 70 students from as far away as Belleville — is slated to open Sept. 11.

Crank said the fire, which started on the church roof and quickly spread, was "horrible."

Several teachers and other

workers were in the building at the time but were able to get out. Smoke from the fire was visible as far away as Granite City.

"I wasn't there when the fire started," he said. "You turn down the street and all of a sudden see the fire trucks in front of the church and see the fire and the flames."

"It's pretty devastating knowing we didn't have a place to meet now, and all of a sudden we're a congregation and a school without a home."

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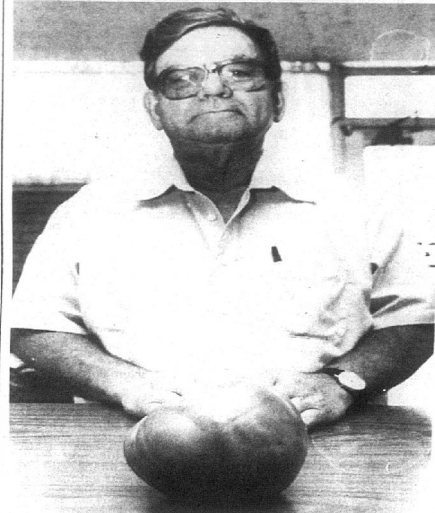
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Big tomato winner



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This week's winner in the *Journals'* Big Tomato Contest is Bonnie Smith, of Wanda Drive. Smith's tomato weighed in at 1 pound, 8.2 ounces.

Small group has big plans for site

Regional organizers plan to illuminate historic landing

A small group of local history enthusiasts is trying to breathe new life into stalled efforts to build a visitors center and possible fort replica honoring the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The group, which does not have a name yet, met Thursday at the Visitors Center in downtown Alton to discuss possible projects, sites and formation of a regional planning organization.

The meeting was called by Alton resident Evelyn Bartlyak, who said she was prompted by a recent series of articles in the local newspaper to try to bring people together on the issue.

By the end of the meeting, former Godfrey Mayor Lars Hoffman was chosen to organize a larger meeting of officials and philanthropists to begin regional planning.

"It was a refreshing, exploratory meeting," Hoffman said. "I hope this serves as a catalyst for gaining some momentum on a project."

Bartlyak asked St. Louis sculptor Saunders Schultz to produce some ideas for a monument to the explorers.

Schultz, who designed a sculpture in Gordon Moore Park and is working on the proposed "Eco-park" in East St. Louis, unveiled a concept drawing of a monument.

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Lars Hoffman
former Godfrey mayor

The drawing features a replica of the expedition's 1803 fort in Wood River and a sweeping canopy-like structure that would extend out over the Mississippi River.

According to Schultz, the top of the canopy could be fitted with lights or lasers pointing westward in the direction of the expedition.

"This expedition truly illuminated the continent for young America," Schultz told the group. "The monument should reflect that."

Hoffman represented Lewis and Clark Community College at the meeting. Also attending were LaWanda Smith, president of the Wood River Heritage Council; Alton resident Steve Cousley; Lynette

Walker, associate sales director of the Greater Alton Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Kathleen Farrell, representing The Mississippi River Summer of 1996 group.

"I think it was an exciting meeting," Smith said. "I'm pleased that so many people are getting interested and are ready to claim their heritage."

Absent from the meeting was George Arnold, president of the local Lewis and Clark Society, who said he was ill.

The recent series in *The Telegraph* detailed efforts by two local groups, the Wood River Heritage Council and the Lewis and Clark Society, to build a proper memorial to the expedition.

Both groups have been struggling with two possible sites but have achieved little recognition.

The society's site in Hartford, across from the Mississippi's confluence with the Missouri River, already has a small monument, but it has no visitors center and has been neglected recently.

The Heritage Council is investigating a possible site near Illinois Routes 3 and 143, which is closer to the actual Lewis and Clark camp site.

—From *The Telegraph*

Degrees given to dentists

The Doctor of Dental Medicine degree was conferred on 36 candidates during Southern Illinois University's school of dental medicine's most recent commencement exercises.

The ceremony was held at 10 a.m. in the University Center on the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville campus.

The keynote speaker was Dr. James Machen, provost and executive vice-president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan.

The class of 1987, to graduate from the dental school since it was established in 1972. Graduates, listed by their hometowns, included:

Edwardsville: Laurel L. Harris.
Granite City: Michelle P. Kleinholder (Parr) and Martin A. Ruelas.
Troy: Stephanie E. Graham (Parker).

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Selected westbound lanes will be closed from 5 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastbound lanes will be closed from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The lane restrictions will be in place until Oct. 1.

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GOVERNOR'S ETHNIC WORKSHOP: Gov. Jim Edgar's Office of Ethnic Affairs will hold an information workshop for ethnic organizations from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday.

Following the program, a reception with Edgar will begin at 3 p.m. The workshop will be held at St. Gregory Armenian Community Center, 3501 Century Drive in Granite City.

Ethnic organizations are invited to attend the workshop.

JOBS FAIR: A free Jobs Plus '87 Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville. Job seekers will be able to speak with more than 100 employers and human service agencies from Missouri and Illinois.

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Metro East

VOLKSMARCH: The annual Eckert's Orchards Volksmarch will be Oct. 5 at Eckert's in Belleville. The 5K (3.1 miles) and 10K (6.2 miles) trails will start at the Grange Hall located adjacent to Eckert's. Participants may start the walk from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m., but must be finished and off the trail by 4 p.m.

For more information, call 233-6348.

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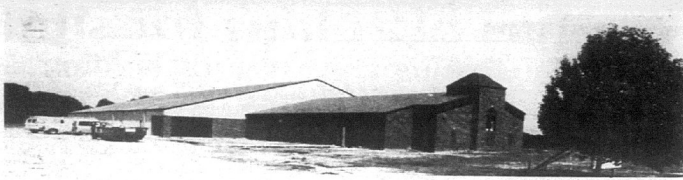
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This photo taken last week shows the new Bethel Christian Academy in South Roxana. School is set to open Sept. 11. Children from across the Metro East attend the school.

•School

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School started several weeks later at First Southern Baptist Church, while services were held at Faith Christian Fellowship, which ironically was the original Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

Crank said the school year has been difficult, but has gone smoothly.

"Considering the circumstances it went very well. We did not have everything we needed; we did not have the facilities we needed; we had classes kind of stuck in places that were not ideal situations."

"But considering everything we went through it was excellent," he added. "Teachers, all the kids, everyone seemed to respond. Knowing we had to pull together to make it happen, and they did."

He said the new school building will be a "big improvement" over the original school.

"We have more classroom space, and it's all on one level," Crank said. "Plus the fact that we have a full-size gymnasium."

He said the gym should be a

big boost for the school's basketball team, the Bethel Blue Knights.

"If everything falls into place we have a good chance of being the state champs this year," he said. "Of course it has to fall into place, but we'll have a home court advantage."

Crank said teachers have not had a chance to get into the new building, but were expected to be in Friday and early this week.

He said there were "no big ceremonies" planned to mark the opening.

"But we'll probably get everyone together at the beginning of the day and just kind of go over a few things," Crank said. "It's a new building and nobody really knows where to go, so we'll have some kind of a general assembly."

"We're just excited about our new building," he said. "We feel it's going to be a blessing to us, especially going a year without one, we're finally going to have a place to call home."

Residents voice opinions on St. Louis 2004

Residents of Madison County are invited to help shape the region's future.

St. Louis 2004 and Focus St. Louis will host a community forum from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at 6 Harpin Drive on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The forum will be one of 25 held throughout the greater St. Louis region in September. For more than six months, 1,200 volunteers have been working in St. Louis 2004

action teams and task forces to develop ideas for making the St. Louis region a leader in the 21st century.

Residents will consider draft ideas for change St. Louis 2004's volunteers developed. Those at the forum will be asked to consider:

- Are these ideas important?
- What will enable the broadest number of people to enjoy a secure and prosperous future?

Long wait nearly over for students, staff

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

It's been a long year for parents and students and teachers at Bethel Christian Academy in South Roxana, but they are ready to begin classes in their new building.

Classes at the school, which had to relocate after the building was destroyed in a fire last year, are set to begin Sept. 11.

Jodie Johnson of Granite City, who's daughter Mollie is a sophomore at the school, said her daughter was "anxious" to get back to class.

"She can't wait," Johnson said. "It's been a long summer and she's excited about the building."

"She's anxious to get back with her friends and get back to school," she said.

Another parent, Beth Jones of Granite City, said her three children — 12-year-old Rachel, nine-year-old Leah and seven-year-old Eric — were also happy about the start of school.

"They're really excited," she said. "We all kind of feel like this was a tragedy, but God turned it around."

"Everybody just pulled

together," she said. "The kids had to pack up at the end of every week. It was a big adjustment."

"We have a lot of confidence in the school and the teachers, it's going to be a good year," she said.

Connie Annis of Belleville said the past year was difficult for her son Joseph, who starts second grade this year.

"It's been pretty hard," she said. "But he likes school, he likes going there."

Basketball coach Steve Greer, who also teaches history and is administrative assistant at the school, agreed the new facility would be a big plus.

Last year the team made the state playoffs in the Illinois Association of Christian Schools and should do very well this year.

"It looks like this year we ought to be able to win the Southern District and make it to the state finals," he said.

He said not having a gym has been difficult for the school's sports program, which also includes fall volleyball for the girls.

"We were only able to have basketball practice two

or three days during the week in a half-court situation, and we've had to pay for it, so it's been quite difficult," Greer said.

"We'll get to practice every day and we'll have home games that are actually home games, not in a rented facility. So we're looking forward to that."

He said everyone was pleased with the new building.

"The faculty anyway," he said. "The students are too, it's a new building and they're excited."

Greer said he would be happy to get to his new classroom.

"Last year was hard," he said. "My class was in a fellowship hall and it was a very large room, and I had to watch over a study hall as well."

"I'll have a room of my own and I'll be able to do bulletin boards and charts, so it will be much easier."

However, his son Gary Greer, a student at the school, was less enthusiastic. Gary's 15th birthday is Sept. 11.

"Yeah, what a birthday present," he said.

Roxana man to attend Diana's rites

Special to the Journal

An English teacher who remembers Diana, princess of Wales, as gracious and down-to-earth, went back to England Thursday to say goodbye.

"It's going to be the opposite of all the other occasions," said Lynn Ennis, chairman of the English department at Roxana High School. "It will be solemn and somber and depressing, but I have the feeling I have to be there."

Ennis carried hundreds of messages from Roxana students in sixth through 12th grades who were invited to write their thoughts to Diana.

She was buried Saturday at

Althorp, beside her father at the Spencer family estate north of London.

The 36-year-old princess and Dodi Fayed died in a Paris car crash early last Sunday, just hours after he gave her a specially designed diamond ring at a Saturday night dinner at the Ritz Hotel.

Ennis has made about 60 trips to England since first falling in love with the British way of life on his initial visit in 1971, said his students were aware of his melancholy Tuesday in class.

"I had to go, and I will come back, and we will talk about it," Ennis said.

"I had so many phone calls from people over the weekend, it was like losing a member of my own family. I just have to be well," he said.

He has one of several thousand invitations to the funeral inside Westminster Abbey but has decided not to use it.

"I am more comfortable with the ordinary people. I don't belong at that level," Ennis said, adding he has more in common with the commoners than the aristocracy.

Ennis said he would carry Diana's body to the funeral. Diana's body had lain in state, and would wait in line for hours, if necessary, to sign one of the condolence books with all the others.

"I always said I would go when the queen mother died, but I never expected to make this trip first. It's such a shock," he said.

Ennis was in London for Diana's wedding.

"I was the first to see her come out of the house on her father's arm," he said.

Ennis also saw the newborn Prince William, now 15, make his first public appearance. He has lingered after concerts and tournaments to talk with the royal couple and has met almost every member of the royal family.

Charles, the prince of Wales, was always "very straightforward and very level, doing his job," Ennis said.

Diana was "interested and liked being there," he said. The couple's royal divorce became final last year.

"No matter what was going on," (Diana) had that special something to make people feel at ease. It's hard to believe this has happened, and it's hard to explain the feeling to people. They're British and I'm American, but I have close friends and close ties there."

Ennis has visited Great Britain so often and knows so much about the royals, he has slipped into the role of tour guide for groups of teachers and students visiting the country. His albums of photographs, including the royal wedding, decorate his classroom, showing he knows where to go and when to be there to see everything.

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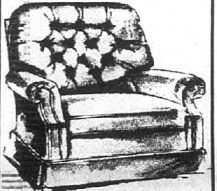
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NEWS

Number on flier 'honest mistake'

County telephone listed on Democrat party fund-raiser event

Special to the Journal

Madison County employees got the message Thursday about possibly violating state election laws by listing a county office telephone number on a flier soliciting funds for an upcoming Democratic Party event.

The flier solicits program advertisements for the annual John F. Kennedy dinner in November and gives a phone number in the Regional Superintendent of Schools' Office in the County Administration Building.

Superintendent Harry Briggs Jr. called the flier "just an honest mistake," but he took steps early Thursday to have all calls about the flier transferred to Madison County Democratic Party Chairman Mac Warfield in Granite City.

"That phone number is not

going to be in our office. We're referring all calls to him," Briggs said.

The flap came to light after Kathy Allison, a Democratic precinct committeeman, listed her phone number in Briggs' office on the flier.

"She thought she could field the calls on her number. It was an honest mistake we are trying to rectify. There is no way we are trying to cheat the public," Briggs said.

However, a new state law strictly prohibits political activities in public offices supported with taxpayer funds. Any complaint filed with the State Board of Elections would be reviewed, officials said.

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said the law, passed a few years ago, was clear, and he takes it very seriously.

"This was a mistake, a tem-

pest in a teapot, but everyone's well-informed now," Haine said Thursday, allowing that politics will bubble up from time to time in any county courthouse.

"That's the nature of the beast," Haine said, adding that sending the flier out was a small infraction.

"There is no criminal intent here and nobody calling from the office or soliciting money. It was an inadvertent error, but it should be stopped, and it will be stopped," he said.

Madison County Republican Chairman Ed Ragsdale called the flier "highly inappropriate and maybe illegal."

Ragsdale said he will consider filing a complaint and having state officials look at the matter.

The problem could be that too many employees have too much time to spare in the

superintendent's office, which could be abolished, Ragsdale said.

"We need to spend the education money we have intelligently. We don't need another layer of bureaucracy," he said.

Briggs said his office was trying to do a good job. A careful reading of the flier indicated the phone number was included only for those seeking additional information. A mailing address at a post office box in Edwardsville was listed for donors interested in buying a program ad for \$40 to \$50.

Funds produced by the JFK program go to the Madison County Democratic Central Committee, officials said.

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people who had announced their intentions to run for a position.

Dunstan and others had the same opportunities and invitations as others, he said.

However, Foley, who let it be known he was seriously considering running for treasurer again but was not an announced candidate, said he understood Wednesday night's session was to be a meeting of minds, not a slating session.

"I think it was cut-and-dried," he said.



Fred Bathon

Despite the Bathon endorsement, Foley said he did well in the last race without an endorsement and will decide next month whether to run again.

As a banker with 30 years of experience, most recently at Omni Bank in Pontoon Beach, where he is vice president in charge of operations, Foley said he could eliminate several jobs in the treasurer's office because he knows the business.

"I manage investment portfolios. I'm not out playing golf," he said.

Foley said he expects strong support in the southern part of the county, where he ran well in the previous race.

"If I decide to get in, I could severely impact the race," he said.



Alan Dunstan

Two men face felony criminal charges

Investigators say aggravated incidents likely unrelated

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Two Venice men have been charged with felonies in unrelated incidents involving attacks against women.

John Williams Jr., 34, of the 1000 block of Calhoun Street was charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault, a Class-X felony, after he allegedly assaulted a woman at knife-point Thursday morning, Jimmy Jones, 22, also of Venice, was charged with aggravated battery after allegedly stabbing a woman in the eye with a pitchfork on Aug. 27.

As of Friday, Williams was in custody at the Madison

County Jail. Bond has been set at \$150,000. Jones' bail was set at \$40,000, but was not in custody. Venice Police Chief James Newsome said he expected Jones to be apprehended sometime over the weekend.

Williams was arrested at the scene of the alleged incident. According to Venice police reports, at about 1:19 a.m. police received a report of a disturbance in the 1000 block of Calhoun. When they arrived at the scene, the victim told police she had been raped and the suspect was in her apartment.

She told police she had been in bed when the suspect entered the room and jumped on her. He then allegedly pulled a knife — which was recovered at the scene — and cut away her clothes and assaulted her.

The woman was then able to escape the apartment. A neighbor gave the woman his shirt, and she went to a nearby house to call police.

The woman was treated and released from St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Jones was charged with aggravated assault after allegedly stabbing a 22-year-old woman in the left eye with a pitchfork. Newsome said the woman had been treated and

released from the hospital, but may lose sight in that eye.

According to reports, at about 1 a.m. Aug. 27 police responded to the corner of Johnson and Baucum. When they arrived they found the victim with a "severe" head wound.

According to reports, the victim told police she had been walking on Baucum when Jones drove up and asked her for \$20 he said she owed him.

When the victim told Jones she would pay him later, he allegedly jumped out of the car, knocked her to the ground and struck her in the face with a pitchfork.

Police searched the area but did not find Jones.

Grant boosts the arts

The Madison County Arts Council received a boost from the state in the form of a grant.

The Illinois Arts Council awarded \$18,820 to the regional arts agency.

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BIRTHS

The following is a list of births reported from Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

July 16
Jacqueline and James Dupont of Brighton, a girl.
Denise and Lance Schroeder of Caseyville, a boy.
Holly and John Bass of Cahokia, a boy.
Ernie and Belville, a boy.
Angela and Anthony Mason, a boy.

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Christina and Edward Rupelka of Granite City, a boy.
July 17
Kelley and Lawrence McClinton of Swansea, a girl.
Michelle and Michael Mueller of Millstadt, a girl.
Catherine and Eugene Engleman of Mascoutah, a boy.
July 18
Tara and Stephen Hauser of Belleville, a boy.
Lynn and Michael Cross of Belleville, a girl.
July 19
Alice and Kenneth Sweeney of Belleville, a boy.
July 20
Dixie Kent of Fairview Heights, a boy.
Regina and Donald Dobbs of Evansville, a boy.
July 21
Patricia Prindable of Belleville, a girl.
Kawonza Jackson of Cahokia, a girl.
Melissa Cole of O'Fallon, a girl.

Linda and Mark Sauerwein of Belleville, a girl.
Tricia Hofmeister of Belleville, a boy.
Roxanne Smith of Cahokia, a boy.
Rebecca and Michael Rieser of Belleville, a boy.
July 22
Garrie Gulbrand of Belleville, a boy.
July 23
Kimberly and David Skaer of Millstadt, a girl.
Renée Townsend of Belleville, a boy.
Bryanna and Jay Enskat of Belleville, a girl.
Teresa and John Servos of Belleville, a boy.
July 24
Tara Suggs of Cahokia, a girl.
Leah and Van Hammel of Chester, a girl.
July 25
Alicia Stevens of Cahokia, a girl.
Elaine and Troy Nastoff of O'Fallon, a girl.
Candace and Thomas Leary of Belleville, a boy.
Jennifer and Kevin Monroe of Belleville, a boy.
July 26
Patricia and Benjamin Rodriguez of Fairmont City, a girl.
Theresa and Israel Griffin of Mascoutah, a boy.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Little imagination went into second role for Sorbo

By Ronnie Roy
Staff writer

Sword and sorcery, a popular genre in paperback, comic book and late-night cable television circles, has never fared well on the big screen. The king of the format, Robert E. Howard's "Conan the Barbarian," only lasted two films, even with Arnold Schwarzenegger in the title role.

"Kull the Conqueror" should do little to reverse the trend.

Kevin Sorbo stars as Kull (another Howard creation) in a performance not far removed from his take on

"Hercules," in the popular syndicated television show. Kull is the nicest, most politically correct barbarian you'd ever meet, were you to ever meet one. Even the violence is toned down.

The film opens with Kull trying out for a position among the elite guard of King Borna (Sven Ole Thorsen) of Valusia. Kull is rejected by the king's commander, Taligaro (Thomas Ian Griffith), because even though he's an excellent fighter, he's just a barbarian.

Meanwhile, the king has gone mad and slain all his heirs. In an awkward plot twist, Kull tries to reason

with the king, but instead they fight and he mortally wounds him.

With his dying breath, the king names Kull his successor, much to the chagrin of Taligaro, among others.

Soon, the barbarian king is going around freeing slaves and telling people they can worship whatever gods they choose.

Needless to say, this doesn't sit well with the existing power structure, and soon Taligaro and one of the king's relatives have made an alliance with a wizard who brings to life the 3,000-year-old evil spirit Aki-vasha (Tia Carrere).

As explained in the prologue (and all sword and sorcery films have prologues), Aki-vasha and her demons ruled the Earth in the bad old days, before the good god Valka stepped in and ended her reign of terror.

Kull escapes the prison Aki-vasha puts him in, and with the help of Zeta (Karina Lombard), Kull's former slave with very accurate fortune-telling abilities, and her brother, Ascalante (Lifefoot), they go on a quest to find the Isle of Ice.

You can pretty much take it from there.

Will Kull find the breath of Valka, destroy the demon, reclaim the

crowns and find happiness with the slave girl?

You can find out for yourself in a theater near you, or wait a year and it will be broadcast several times a month on TNT, WGN or Channel 11.

If you're a fan of Sorbo's work on "Hercules," you'll probably enjoy "Kull," as it's pretty much the same part. "Kull" isn't a bad film, but it doesn't break any new ground.

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MOVIE SCHEDULES

Film timetable for Sunday, Sept. 7. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

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Fire Down Below (R) 2:30, 4:45, 7:00
Conspiracy Theory (R) 2:30, 7:15
Kull (PG-13) 5:00

CARMICHE PETITE

170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 244-1708
Fire Down Below (R) 1:15, 3:45, 7:15, 9:45
Conspiracy Theory (R) 1:00, 7:00
Event Horizon (R) 3:30, 8:30, 11:00
Excess Baggage (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 7:00, 9:15
Air Force One (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:15, 10:00

EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Plaza, Alton, Ill. 254-5289
Excess Baggage (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
G.I. Jane (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00
Hoodlum (R) 2:45, 5:15, 7:45
Mimic (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30
Money Talks (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15
Air Force One (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA

Edwardsville, Ill. 656-6390
Conspiracy Theory (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
Picture Perfect (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
Air Force One (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
George of the Jungle (PG) 2:00, 6:45
Picture Perfect (PG-13) 2:15, 7:15

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1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill. 822-4900
Contact (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:20
Picture Perfect (PG-13) 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00
Good Burger (PG) 12:05, 2:05, 4:30
Spawn (PG-13) 7:00, 9:00
Smile Like Yours (R) 12:20, 2:25, 4:40, 7:25, 9:40
So So Lovely (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Conspiracy Theory (R) 12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:30
George of the Jungle (PG) 12:05, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
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Event Horizon (R) 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30
Fire Down Below (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45

MON IN BLACK (PG-13)

12:00, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
Leave It To Beaver (PG) 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15

ROXANA CINE THEATER

Roxana, Ill. 264-4748
Men In Black (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00
St. Clair 10
Zulu (R) 2:00, 7:00, 9:00
Money Talks (R) 12:00, 2:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20
Money Talks (R) 1:35, 5:20, 8:00
Copland (R) 11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40
Hoodlum (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Masterminds (PG-13) 11:40, 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:05
How To Be a Player (R) 1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50
Excess Baggage (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40
Air Force One (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:00
Air Force One (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:15
Air Bud (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7:30, 9:45

HOROSCOPE

Sunday, Sept. 7
The intense Scorpio moon revs up our drive and ambition. Laidos are activated, and emotions are strong. A sense of honesty prevails. The Virgo sun keeps priorities in order, but minds tend to stray even as we commit ourselves to our responsibilities and tasks. Hon- or your promises — going back on your word this week won't do since the consequences will be felt by all.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Clear up for an exciting week of rejuvenation. Show higher-ups at work that you deserve a raise. Luck is found when priorities are in order. New work offers arrive by the end of the week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Ex-loves and former clients show up with clear plates. Anything is possible now. Ask the universe for increased peace and pleasure. Your home life improves when you realize a change is needed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Unravel a mystery that has perplexed you for a long time. Your most recent love interest is overly competitive. A game or hobby helps relieve stress. You'll be the star at social gatherings.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 7)
It's high time to reap benefits for your diligent efforts. A pal helps finance your project in December — this is the start of something big. Luck involves a settlement around the turn of the new year. Singles are swept up in whirlwind romances in November and March. Couples renew their vows and celebrate their successes in February. The luckiest times are now and May.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Skip the formalities, and get right to the point. Try to satisfy your curiosities and relieve

your anxiety this afternoon. A short trip leads to romance. Demonstrate your affection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Acquisition and material wealth are highlighted this week. Friendships that commence today are successful. You have saved enough to make a down payment. For romance tonight, listen to music together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Education can broaden your horizons. Decide on taking extension courses, or enlist a teacher's counsel. A current romantic attachment promises longevity. You and a friend will see eye to eye when you talk things over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Business and pleasure can be harmoniously combined. Take your time to ensure quality work, even if it's for yourself or a friend. Your spouse or love wants more romance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Get the whole family together! It's time to fill your mind with something other than work. Sports and exercise allow you to blow off steam. A sweetheart shows undying

devotion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Extra cash comes from your extra hard work. Domestic projects give you a creative outlet. Avoid arguing with a neighbor. Invest in a time-saving item. Iron out a minor misunderstanding promptly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Stay true to your vision without compromising or commercializing. You may become a legend as a result of your highly effective yet unorthodox approach. You meet a fascinating new love interest at a party.

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Marilyn Ashburn of Country Companies won "The First Pitch Contest" to throw out the first pitch at a recent Cardinals ballgame. She is pictured with former Cardinal Mark Sweeney. Following the game Marilyn received free Cardinal tickets, and a bat and ball. Ashburn, formerly of the Dick Kiser Agency, joined Country Companies Granite City Agency, 1506 Johnson Rd. in April.

Business owners workshop set for BAC

Business owners work hard to reach the American dream. Unfortunately, lack of knowledge about their tax responsibilities as employers could turn that dream into a nightmare.

A one day workshop sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Department of Employment Security, Social Security Administration, and Belleville Area College is designed to help business owners avoid tax reporting pitfalls. The workshop will be held in

MEETING

Belleville on Thursday, Sept. 11, 1987 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Representatives from federal and state agencies will discuss employment tax requirements and how to complete the necessary forms. Advance registration is required. Reservations may be made by contacting Marietta Fry at (618) 235-2700, extension 511.

Ideas don't always mean successes

You may have a wonderful idea for starting a business. However, before you can turn that idea into a reality, you need a clear business plan, suggests the Illinois CPA Society.

A business plan is a written document that describes the nature of your business, outlines its financial goals, and demonstrates how you will achieve them.

While business plans are most often prepared in connection with seeking outside financing, a business plan also serves as a management tool that can help you conduct your business and steer you toward profitability. The content and format of business plans can vary, depending on the complexity and maturity of your business. However, all business plans typically include the following key components:

- The executive summary provides a brief overview of what the plan will include. Although it appears at the beginning of your document, the executive summary should be written after you've completed the plan. In writing your plan's executive summary, keep in mind that it should not be an introduction, but rather, an abbreviated version of all of the key points in the plan as well as a mission statement.

- The company and management section of the business plan provides company-specific information. Think of it as your business resume. It describes the business entity and its history, how the company is organized and the qualifications of its management team.

MONEY TALK

ment team. Since potential investors and lenders recognize that a company's management team plays a critical role in the business's success, this is not the place to be modest. Include a few well-written paragraphs about each member of your management team, highlighting the person's background, significant accomplishments, and relevant education.

- It's important that you describe the product or service thoroughly, including all of its features and components. Explain what need your prod-

uct or service fulfills, the advantages it offers the end user, and how it differs from the competition. You also should detail how the product will be produced or how the services will be performed and at what cost.

- Define your potential customers and how you plan to get them to use your product or service. Begin by providing a thorough market analysis that assesses the market environment and identifies and quantifies your target market. Then outline your marketing strategy that is, how you will reach customers and how the product will be sold.

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Cahokia Library, 140 Cahokia Park Drive
Register 1:15 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, Library
Class meets 1:15-3:45 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays, until Nov. 5.

Centerville City Hall, 5900 Bond Ave.
Register 11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, City Hall Lobby
Class meets 11 a.m.-2:50 p.m., daily, until Oct. 10.

Dupo High School, 500 Louisa Ave.
Register 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9, Room 101
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays, until Nov. 4.

Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road
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Granite City Head Start, 2100 Edison Ave.
Register 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, parent meeting room
Class meets 1:30-3:50 p.m., Tuesdays & Wednesdays, until Nov. 5.

Highland High School, 12760 Troxler Lane
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Surgeon never misses: Solid work every day for 36 years

Special to the Journal

Obert Lay began his practice as a surgeon at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in 1961. He hasn't missed a day since.

Working seven days a week, the 74-year-old surgeon is an inspiration to those who admire the values of old.

While sitting in an office with rose-colored walls devoid of artwork (he doesn't want to put holes in the wall), he shared a bit of his life's story.

"I was a radio operator during World War II. I was on B-17s, with the 8th Air Force. Didn't miss a day then, either," Lay said.

"On one mission, we had our engines shot out by anti-aircraft fire over Cologne, Germany. We were able to land at a German airfield that was occupied by our boys," he said.

"What saved our lives was

"My main thing is work. I decided to be in the trenches and that's what I've done."

Obert Lay

the fact that two P-51 Mustang fighters circled us 'till we landed. We got back to the base and at 3 the next morning, we went on another mission to Munich.

"It made you grow up."

After the war, the Aurora, Ill., native started college on the GI Bill.

While in school, Lay worked 30 hours a week to help pay the bills. He had to eat, he said, and that's where he learned that if you really want something, you can do it.

"I learned not to waste any minute of the day. And that paid off for the rest of my life," he said.

During the first six years of his practice, he cared for patients in eight area hospitals, including two hospitals in East St. Louis, one in Centerville, Red Bud, Sparta and Highland.

For the first years, he drove at 90 miles an hour. It was dangerous, he said, so he learned in East Alton to fly fixed-wing aircraft and in St. Louis, learned to fly helicopters.

He later bought a Brantly helicopter in Oklahoma for \$25,000.

"I was based here, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and at East St. Louis and I kept it at a fire house. It saved a lot of lives. If they called you with a bad patient, you got there, right now," Lay said.

Being ahead of his time got him in trouble with the local medical society of the day. His flying was noticed and reported on by the local media to such an extent that he was threatened with dismissal from the St. Clair Medical Society.

Lay compared the incident to long ago when everyone rode horses and the first doctor bought a car.

"They told me if any more stories appeared in local papers, they'd kick me out," Lay said. "They got a little upset. These were grown, pro-



Surgeon Obert Lay has not missed a day at work for 36 years, only taking time out for vacations and hospital-related seminars. Lay, a pilot and World War II veteran, joined the St. Elizabeth Medical Center staff in 1961.

feesional men, but that's how the politics of the time worked."

As a general surgeon he normally performs procedures on gall bladders, hernias, appendectomies and trauma of all kinds.

"One time a truck ran into a house in Granite City. Three people had ruptured spleens. Well, you put them in different rooms and you take the one in shock first and go on to the next one. You do a lot of trauma, gun shots, stabbings, people falling off buildings," he said.

"When we had a tornado in town years ago, 26 people

normally finishes by 5 p.m., unless there is an emergency. He continues the routine seven days a week.

After 36 years of nearly round the clock dedication, he does have one regret. Married twice, the only thing he'll say about his first family is that he has two girls and two boys, none of whom entered medicine.

"They never saw dad," he said. "My big regret is not having time for my family. If I did it again, I would spend more time with them. I strongly advise that."

"If I was going to tell a young doctor anything, it would be to work with a group. Practice cost you a lot of time with your family. They should go in with at least two others so they can spread out the calls and weekends," he said. "Now don't get me wrong, I've enjoyed it, but I missed seeing the kids grow up. You give up things."

When not at the hospital, he spends time with his wife, Emily, and two stepsons, Craig, 16, and Chris, 19. He enjoys reading but has no hobbies.

"My main thing is work. I decided to be in the trenches and that's what I've done," he said.

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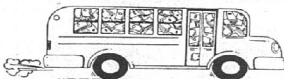
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Lecturer Robert J. Ackerman, a professor of sociology, is internationally known for his work in how alcoholism affects families. He has written two books on the subject. The workshop fee is \$65. Advance registration is required. Call 525-7200.

Illinois Nurses

NURSE PRACTICE ACT BILL: Nurses and nursing students will have an

opportunity to determine the status of the Nurse Practice Act bill, learn legislators' positions on the bill and dialogue with the Illinois Nurses Association's lobbyist at the annual IMA District 10 Legislative Night on Sept. 18.

Registration will begin at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Collinsville. Sixteen legislators, six senators and 10 representatives from nine counties of IMA District 10 have been invited to the meeting to give their views on and to hear nurses' positions on health care issues, including the status of the role of nurse practitioners in Illinois.

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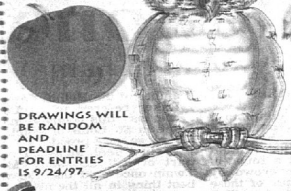
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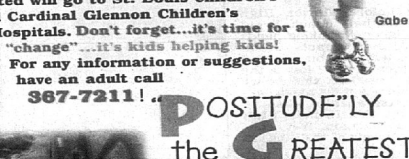
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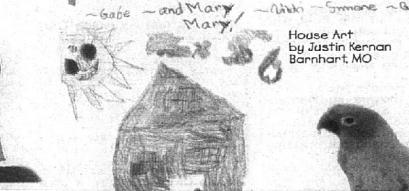
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6:30am X-Men	8:30am The New Adventures of Voltron (starts 9/13)	8:00am Dragon Ball Z
7:00am Tiny Toon Adventures	9:00am Animaniacs	8:30am Zorro (starts 9/21)
7:30am Captain Planet (E/I)	9:30am Pinky and the Brain	9:00am Denver The Last Dinosaur
8:00am Mummies (starts 9/15)	10:00am Animaniacs	9:30am Honey, I Shrunk The Kids (starts 9/27)
8:30am Extreme Ghostbusters	10:30am Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries	
9:00am Family Matters	11:00am All Dogs Go To Heaven	
9:30am Bonanza In Pajamas		
10:00am Men (starts 9/15)		
10:30am Bugs 'N Daffy Show		
11:00am Animaniacs		
11:30am Pinky and the Brain		
12:00am New Adventures of Batman and Superman		
1:00am Boy Meets World		
1:30am Full House		
2:00am Stand Up With Mr. Cooper		
2:30am New 'N' Nuts		
3:00am Educational/Informational		

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Handshake not priority at Marion

Long before Marion High School football coach Brent McGee ignored hands with Althoff coach Glenn Schott after absorbing a 1997 season-opening 61-27 loss to the visiting Crusaders, this corner has disputed the handshaking/sportsmanship display urged by the Illinois High School Association. Yet, consider the events of that Aug. 29 game.

"I never did meet the guy (McGee)," said Schott, who noted that Marion athletic director Mike Chornau was most amiable.

"Mike was there before and after the game," said Schott of the AD who had sought Althoff for a game in place of a Kentucky team on the Marion schedule.

The fact that McGee was an assistant at Waterloo previously when the Bulldogs were blown away by an Althoff team in the postseason may have contributed to the mix on the handshake, but Schott referred to other things.

"They scored first, but on our next three possessions we scored the first time we touched the ball," said Schott. "We were ahead 35-7 at half-time, and I told the players that everybody was going to get into the game. I think we played 43 of 44, and that one did not get in because he did not have all his paperwork in to be eligible."

Schott also told his first string that after they took possession, they would not be in the game after they reached midfield. Sophomore tailback Clyde Howard, though, tilted that plan when took the first handoff of the third quarter for a 53-yard touchdown run, his third TD of the game.

"We took our starters out of the game (with 10:22 to go in the third quarter), and they scored against our second team defense," said Schott. "The score was 41-14 then, but what confused Schott, though, was that Marion attempted four onside kicks in the second half."

"Then with seven seconds left in the game they took the ball and call time out," said Schott.

"After the last play, their players ran off the field with hands and helmets raised."

"Equally confusing to Schott was that his team sat in front of the Marion fans and cheerleaders."

"Their people were good fans and showed sportsmanship," said Schott. "I'm not sure why we were on that side, but someone said something about their coach not wanting to be near the band."

In three seasons as a head coach at Waterloo (1992-94), McGee had a 25-9 record. The loss to Althoff left him with a composite 4-15 record in his third year at Marion.

"I'm hopeful of playing them again next season," said Schott, who took a 174-87-3 record, including two state titles, into his 27th season at Althoff.

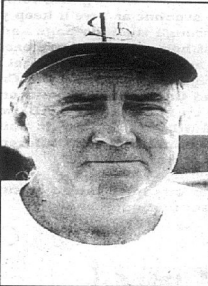
"When we agreed to the game, I believe Mike said they would 'come up next year if things went well.'"

Handshake or not, Marion would be much better off playing Althoff in a season opener.

According to the current IHSA (See ART, Page 3B)

Baker nets another milestone

Legendary GCHS coach inducted into St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame

Gene Baker
GCHS coach

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

On an elegant evening in the opulent Illinois Room of the Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis, Granite City High School soccer coach Gene Baker was inducted into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame Thursday.

Baker joined nine other inductees in the class of 1997, including Jay Moore, who along with Baker, started on the 1965 St. Louis University soccer Billikens that won the NCAA championship while going undefeated.

After a magnificent meal, the evening's festivities commenced at 8 p.m. with the honorees, each clad in their new green Hall of Fame jackets, parading down the aisles between the tables, led by a

bagpipe player in full regalia. Nearly 1,000 guests filled the ballroom in tribute to the new Hall of Fame members, three of whom received their awards posthumously.

After Baker's name was called, and his list of accomplishments read, he stepped to the podium to a standing ovation from the contingent of Granite City High School per-

sonnel, friends, family and well-wishers.

Following the customary congratulations to fellow inductees and a heart-felt thanks to the selection committee, Baker brought a round of laughter from the crowd by listing the nicknames of those involved with the Soccer Hall of Fame, and later, by referring to his grandson as a future

member of the Hall of Fame. Baker referred to St. Louis soccer as "this common man's game in St. Louis of which we are all so very proud."

"I just feel lucky to be a part of it," he said. "Mark Twain once said that the very best thing in all the world that can befall a man is to be born lucky."

Baker then spoke on being born lucky, having two parents who loved him and who did everything for him, on being lucky enough to have three wonderful children, who are now adults, and on being lucky enough to play and coach soccer.

"All of us heard the admonition, 'Don't play soccer because you'll never make any money.' 'Don't play soccer because all you'll get is a pair of bad legs.' They were right."

(See BAKER, Page 3B)

Highlights of Baker's career

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Granite City High School soccer coach Gene Baker is synonymous with soccer in both the state of Illinois and throughout the United States.

On Thursday evening, Baker was inducted into the St. Louis Old Time Hall of Fame.

He is eminently qualified. His achievements read like a Who's Who of soccer.

As of this writing, Baker's career record in high school

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CM takes advantage of missing Warriors

Eagles blast GCHS 15-3, 15-4

VOLLEYBALL

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

There is at least one thing worse than drawing a loaded Civic Memorial team for the first girls volleyball game of the season.

Try playing the Eagles with two starters out of action.

The Lady Warriors, who would have been in trouble against CM even with a full unit on the floor, were minus senior team leaders Laurie Bohnenstiel and Kerri Laster.

As a result, GCHS was quickly dispatched by the Eagles, 15-3 and 15-4 on Wednesday at Memorial Gymnasium.

Bohnenstiel will miss only the one game, but Laster will miss at least six weeks with a



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Jessica Worthen goes up for a hit.

"It was hard without Laurie (See SPIKERS, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Getting their kicks — Kyle Kostos, center, carries the ball out of the midfield in the final round of play in the 9 and under division at the Elks tourney. For more photos, see Page 2B.

Panthers hold on to edge Warriors

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

O'Fallon football coach Gary Bridell is happy his team is 2-0, but getting there was anything but easy.

Friday night against Granite City, the host Panthers led by two touchdowns at halftime and appeared headed for a lopsided win. But the Warriors rallied to tie the game and O'Fallon needed a late touchdown by Andre Ramsey to claim a 27-21 victory.

"I give a lot of credit to Granite City — they're a good offensive ballclub," Bridell said. "We had trouble stopping them. They just controlled the football in the second half."

In the season opener against Belleville West, the Panthers built a 19-0 lead but barely escaped with a 25-22 win.

Granite City, meanwhile, is still seeking its first victory of the season. But the Warriors' effort was a marked improvement over a 37-6 loss to Cahokia on Aug. 29.

"The kids got fired up in the second half — the coaches didn't have to say anything," said Granite City coach Nick Petrillo. "They started to play

a little better. We're only halfway to where we want to be, but we're headed in the right direction."

"I don't know how many games we'll win in the Southwestern Conference, but I think we'll have something to say. Anybody who plays us had better come ready to play."

The game started on a positive note for the Warriors, as Mike Simpson recovered an O'Fallon fumble on the first play from scrimmage. Senior quarterback Rocky Smith capped a nine-play, 47-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown run to give Granite City a 7-0 lead.

O'Fallon tied the game midway through the first quarter, as runs of 17 and 35 yards by Kevin Jordan set up a two-yard run by Ramsey.

The second quarter belonged to O'Fallon, as the Panthers' rushing game took control. Runs of 18 and 14 yards by Jesus Kimbrow and 19 yards by Ramsey set up a 10-yard TD run by senior quarterback

Raemon Holmes. A 28-yard pass from Holmes to sophomore Anthony McClellan set up a 23-

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City's Jason Dix looks to sack Cahokia's Byron Gettis during an opening loss last week.

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ALTHOFF CRUSADERS 1997 Soccer

September	
2 at Belleville West	5:30 p.m.
4 Waterloo	5:30 p.m.
9 at Edwardsville	5:30 p.m.
11 Breese Mater Dei	4 p.m.
13 at Carbondale	noon
16 O'Fallon	4 p.m.
20 Quincy Notre Dame at BAC	11 a.m.
22-27 Hazelwood Central Tournament	TBA
27 at Highland	11 a.m.
29 at Jackson, Mo	4 p.m.

October	
2 Springfield at BAC	4:30 p.m.
4 Cape Central	11 a.m.
6 at Wesclin	4 p.m.
8 Gibault	5:30 p.m.
13-18 Alton Tournament	TBA
20 at Belleville East	4 p.m.

Oct. 23-25: Regional Tournament
Oct. 26-Nov. 1: Sectional Tournament
Nov. 4: Super-Sectional
Nov. 7-8: State Tournament

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS 1997 Soccer

September	
3-6 Chaminade Tournament	TBA
13 at Mehlville	1 p.m.
16 Edwardsville	4 p.m.
18 at Collinsville	4 p.m.
25 Alton	4 p.m.
27 Gibault	11 a.m.
30 McCluer North	4 p.m.

October	
2 at Belleville West	4 p.m.
4 at Oakville	2:30 p.m.
6-11 Granite City Tournament	TBA
14 at Vianney	7 p.m.
16 at Granite City	7 p.m.
18 St. Louis U. High	7 p.m.
20 Althoff	4 p.m.

Oct. 23-25: Regional Tournament
Oct. 26-Nov. 1: Sectional Tournament
Nov. 4: Super-Sectional
Nov. 7-8: State Tournament

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS 1997 Soccer

August	
30 Wesclin	11 a.m.

September	
2 Althoff	5:30 p.m.
6 at Triad	5:30 p.m.
9 Breese Mater Dei	5:30 p.m.
11 at Alton	5:30 p.m.
13 Edwardsville	11 a.m.
15 at Seckman	5:30 p.m.
17 at Gibault	5:30 p.m.
18 ESL Lincoln	5:30 p.m.
20 Carbondale	11 a.m.
22-27 CYC Tournament	TBA
30 at Granite City	5:30 p.m.

October	
1 at Oakville	4:30 p.m.
2 Belleville East	5:30 p.m.
6-11 Granite City Tournament	TBA
7 at Columbia	6 p.m.
14 at Hazelwood Central	4 p.m.
16 Collinsville	5:30 p.m.

Oct. 23-25: Regional Tournament
Oct. 26-Nov. 1: Sectional Tournament
Nov. 4: Super-Sectional
Nov. 7-8: State Tournament

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS 1997 Soccer

August	
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30 at Edwardsville	5:30 p.m.
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September	
4 DeSmet	5:30 p.m.
6 at CBC	5:30 p.m.
8 Gibault	5:30 p.m.
11 at Granite City	5:30 p.m.
16 at Chaminade	4 p.m.
18 Belleville East	5:30 p.m.
22 CYC Tournament	TBA
30 at ESL Lincoln	4 p.m.

October	
1 Alton	5:30 p.m.
2 Edwardsville	5:30 p.m.
4 Highland	5:30 p.m.
8 Alton Marquette	5:30 p.m.
9 at Alton	5:30 p.m.
11 at Triad	5:30 p.m.
16 at Belleville West	5:30 p.m.
20 Hazelwood Central	5:30 p.m.

Oct. 23-25: Regional Tournament
Oct. 26-Nov. 1: Sectional Tournament
Nov. 4: Super-Sectional
Nov. 7-8: State Tournament

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS 1997 Soccer

August	
30 Collinsville	7 p.m.

September	
5 at St. Charles West	7 p.m.
9 Althoff	7 p.m.
13 at Civic Memorial	6 p.m.
13 at Belleville West	12:30 p.m.
16 at Belleville East	5:30 p.m.
18 Granite City	7 p.m.
20 Oakville	7 p.m.
22 Hazelwood Central Tournament	TBA
30 at Hazelwood Central	5:30 p.m.

October	
2 at Collinsville	7 p.m.
4 Lafayette	12:30 p.m.
6 Ken Hudson Tournament	TBA
18 at Triad	7 p.m.
21 at Mehlville	7:30 p.m.
22 Alton	7 p.m.

Oct. 23-25: Regional Tournament
Oct. 26-Nov. 1: Sectional Tournament
Nov. 4: Super-Sectional
Nov. 7-8: State Tournament

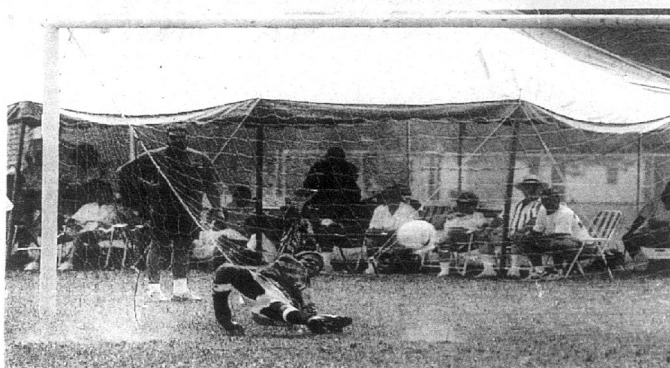
GRANITE CITY WARRIORS 1997 Soccer

August	
29 Compelino (Calif.)	7 p.m.
30 Peoria Richwoods	11 a.m.

September	
2 at Civic Memorial	5:30 p.m.
6 at Vianney	5:30 p.m.
9 at Alton	5:30 p.m.
11 Collinsville	5:30 p.m.
12 at Springfield Sacred Heart	11 a.m.
18 at Edwardsville	5:30 p.m.
19 Thomas Aquinas	7 p.m.
22 Hazelwood Central Tournament	TBA
30 Belleville West	5:30 p.m.

October	
1 at O'Fallon	5:30 p.m.
6-11 Tournament of Champions	TBA
16 Belleville East	5:30 p.m.
17 at McCluer North	5:30 p.m.
20 at St. Louis U. High	4:30 p.m.

Oct. 23-25: Regional Tournament
Oct. 26-Nov. 1: Sectional Tournament
Nov. 4: Super-Sectional
Nov. 7-8: State Tournament



At top, Trevor Blattner gets a piece of a penalty kick but not enough to prevent a goal in a semi-final Elks Tourney game. Above, Andrew McCune tries to stay cool on the sidelines in a final game in the Elks Tourney. (Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)



Tips will keep seniors on course

I am writing this to help golfers deal with playing the game when they get older or have a physical handicap, but I am the one who will pay the closest attention.

As we get older, we lose distance on our shots and most of us do not fully understand that our bodies lose suppleness and flexibility. These are limitations that older folks have to face.

The first thing we do is start doubting our golf swing and we start tinkering with it to get more distance. This just makes matters worse.

The hardest thing for me to do is to take two and sometimes three more clubs than usual. In other words, instead of using a 7-iron, you may have to use the 5-iron.

Again, there isn't anything to be ashamed of. Whatever it takes — that's what you have to do.

Another thing we can do is make sure we play the tee boxes that are set aside for senior players, or at least play from the medium tees. Also, and I know more of us want to do this, don't play the long courses that don't have the tees set up for seniors.

Also, when getting older, you should definitely think of changing your equipment. Manufacturers, for the first time, are making clubs specifically for seniors. These clubs are a half-inch to 3 inches longer than the regular models with graphite shafts and either have metal or graphite heads.

The clubs are much lighter and the reason is to increase club-head speed and get the ball airborne easier. The "kick" or flex point on the club has been put down lower on the shaft. The lower kick gets the ball up faster and the shot comes into the target higher. These clubs might allow you to get back some of your distance and enable you to keep the ball in play. (I need to do this. I'm still playing with Ping wooden woods and 20-year-old irons.)

The one thing older players can do (all of us can do this) is work on our short game.

We can stop a lot of bogies and double-bogies with a strong short game. Also, later in our golfing careers, we can't make a big turn, swing out through the ball and stay behind, we just move a little more as we swing, and with the longer clubs, we just sort of ride the club through the ball.

Just remember, we all get older, so just relax. Pace reality and make the above mentioned changes and also remember, this is still the best sport there is to play, and you can do it for a lifetime.

Moe Croak is the teaching pro at Cahokia Golf Tee, 337-6611.

FOOTBALL

ALTHOFF CRUSADERS

1996 Record: 8-3
Conference: Independent
1996 Class: 4A
Coach: Glenn Schott
School Record: 174-87-3 (27th year)
Career Record: 174-87-3 (27th year)

August	
29 at Marion	W 61-27

September	
5 Jerseyville	7:30 p.m.
13 Cahokia	7:30 p.m.
20 Riverview Gardens	7:30 p.m.
26 at Breese Mater Dei	7:30 p.m.

October	
2 Cape Central	7:30 p.m.
10 at Jackson (Mo.)	7:30 p.m.
17 Poplar Bluff	7:30 p.m.
24 at Springfield Griffin	7:30 p.m.

ALTON REDBIRDS

1996 Record: 2-7
Conference: Southwestern
1996 Class: 6A
Coach: Bob Shannon
School Record: 2-7 (2nd year)
Career Record: 194-45 (21st year)

August	
29 Jerseyville	W 29-28

September	
5 at Quincy	7:30 p.m.
12 Edwardsville	7:30 p.m.
19 at Belleville West	7:30 p.m.
26 at ESL Lincoln	7:30 p.m.

October	
3 at Collinsville	7:30 p.m.
10 Granite City	7:30 p.m.
17 Belleville East	7:30 p.m.

25 at East St. Louis	1:30 p.m.
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BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS

1996 Record: 3-6
Conference: Southwestern
1996 Class: 6A
Coach: Mike McClinnis
School Record: 75-68 (15th year)
Career Record: 75-68 (15th year)

August	
30 Moline at ISU	L 13-25

September	
6 Hazelwood Central at TWA Dome	noon
12 at Belleville West	7:30 p.m.
19 at Collinsville	7:30 p.m.
26 at Granite City	7:30 p.m.

October	
3 at East St. Louis	7:30 p.m.
10 Edwardsville	7:30 p.m.
17 at Alton	7:30 p.m.
24 ESL Lincoln	7:30 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS

1996 Record: 2-7
Conference: Southwestern
1996 Class: 6A
Coach: Larry Betz
School Record: 2-7 (2nd year)
Career Record: 7-21 (4th year)

August	
29 at O'Fallon	L 22-25

September	
6 Cahokia	7:30 p.m.
12 Belleville East	7:30 p.m.
19 Alton	7:30 p.m.
26 Edwardsville	7:30 p.m.

October	
3 Granite City	7:30 p.m.
11 at East St. Louis	1:30 p.m.

18 at ESL Lincoln	1:30 p.m.
24 at Collinsville	7:30 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES

1996 Record: 7-3
Conference: South Seven
1996 Class: 5A
Coach: Rob Eden
School Record: 60-45 (12th year)
Career Record: 135-92-1 (25th year)

August	
29 Granite City	W 37-6

September	
6 at Belleville West	7:30 p.m.
13 at Althoff	7:30 p.m.
19 Marion	7:30 p.m.
26 at Carbondale	7:30 p.m.

October	
3 at Centerville	7:30 p.m.
10 Mt. Vernon	7:30 p.m.
24 O'Fallon	7:30 p.m.

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS

1996 Record: 6-4
Conference: Southwestern
1996 Class: 6A
Coach: Tim Kane
School Record: 0-0 (1st year)
Career Record: 11-16 (4th year)

August	
29 at Civic Memorial	L 0-22

September	
5 Mascoutah	7:30 p.m.
12 at Granite City	7:30 p.m.
19 Belleville East	7:30 p.m.
27 at East St. Louis	1:30 p.m.

October	
3 Alton	7:30 p.m.
10 at ESL Lincoln	7:30 p.m.
17 Edwardsville	7:30 p.m.

24 Belleville West	7:30 p.m.
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COLUMBIA EAGLES

1996 Record: 5-4
Conference: Cahokia
1996 Class: 2A
Coach: Joe Iorio
School Record: 19-18 (5th year)
Career Record: 19-18 (5th year)

August	
29 at Quincy Notre Dame	L 16-23

September	
5 Chester	7:30 p.m.
12 at Freeburg	7:30 p.m.
19 at Red Bud	7:30 p.m.
26 Breese Central	7:30 p.m.

October	
3 at Carlyle	7:30 p.m.
10 Dupu	7:30 p.m.
17 Breese Mater Dei	7:30 p.m.
24 at Waterloo	7:30 p.m.

DUPO TIGERS

1996 Record: 2-7
Conference: Cahokia
1996 Class: 2A
Coach: Gary Mauser
School Record: 115-45 (16th year)
Career Record: 115-45 (16th year)

August	
29 Sesser-Valley	L 14-32

September	
6 at Newton	1 p.m.
12 Breese Central	7:30 p.m.
19 at Carlyle	5 p.m.
26 Red Bud	7:30 p.m.

October	
3 Freeburg	7:30 p.m.
10 at Columbia	7:30 p.m.
18 Martinsville	2 p.m.

24 at Chester	7:30 p.m.
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EAST ST. LOUIS FLYERS

1996 Record: 9-2
Conference: Southwestern
1996 Class: 5A
Coach: Terry Hill
School Record: 9-2 (2nd year)
Career Record: 9-2 (2nd year)

August	
30 at Chicago Simeon	L 7-33

September	
6 at Sumner	1 p.m.
13 at ESL Lincoln	1:30 p.m.
19 at Edwardsville	7:30 p.m.
27 Collinsville	1:30 p.m.

October	
3 Belleville East	7:30 p.m.
11 Belleville West	1:30 p.m.
17 at Granite City	7:30 p.m.
25 Alton	1:30 p.m.

ESL LINCOLN TIGERS

1996 Record: 1-8
Conference: Southwestern
1996 Class: 5A
Coach: Jimmy Adams
School Record: 80-61 (19th year)
Career Record: 80-61 (19th year)

August	
30 Chicago Marshall	W 20-6

September	
5 St. Louis NRGTC	7:30 p.m.
13 East St. Louis	1:30 p.m.
19 at Granite City	7:30 p.m.
26 Alton	7:30 p.m.

October	
3 at Edwardsville	7:30 p.m.
10 Collinsville	7:30 p.m.
18 Belleville West	1:30 p.m.

24 at Belleville East	7:30 p.m.
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EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS

1996 Record: 10-1
Conference: Southwestern
1996 Class: 5A
Coach: Tim Dougherty
School Record: 39-11 (6th year)
Career Record: 50-29 (9th year)

August	
29 Chicago Orr	W 58-6

September	
5 at St. Louis Gateway	7:30 p.m.
12 at Alton	7:30 p.m.
19 at East St. Louis	7:30 p.m.
26 at Belleville West	7:30 p.m.

October	
3 ESL Lincoln	7:30 p.m.
10 at Belleville East	7:30 p.m.
17 at Collinsville	7:30 p.m.
24 Granite City	7:30 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

Spikers

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and Kerri in there," said first-year Granite City coach Beth Seel. "We are depending so much on our senior leadership, and on those two girls in particular, that it's hard to compete when they're not in the line-up. Especially against a team like Civic Memorial."

The Eagles' athleticism was impressive.

Seniors Jenni Combes and Jody Houston were dominant in every phase of the game. Juniors Jamie Burch and Ryan Spann, as well as sophomores Jenny Cleveland and Kelly Toppmeyer, were strong and solid position players. With only a couple of minor letdowns, the Eagles were easily in control from beginning to end.

Granite City fell behind early in the first match as the hard, accurate serves of Houston and Toppmeyer had

the Lady Warriors scrambling and diving just to get hands on the ball. It was 6-0 before the Granite girls knew what hit them.

Granite City pulled within 7-2 before Burch smoked six straight serves, two of them aces, to bury the Lady Warriors.

GCHS was down 3-0 in match two before a Jessica Worthen kill stopped the CM run. Worthen then nailed a pair of serves that pulled the Lady Warriors within 3-2.

It was 6-2 before a Jenna Wright kill gave the ball back to Granite. Wright's first serve handcuffed Spann and the Lady Warriors were within 6-3. The score was 9-4 when Combes took over for the Eagles. The fiery senior reeled off six straight points on the hardest serves of the night and the Eagles had the win.

Worthen, Wright and Jessica Wallace turned in good games in losing effort, as did Leah Gambin, Jessica Huniak and

Kristen Ely. But the Lady Warriors were simply outclassed on the evening. "The girls were pretty nervous going into the game," said Seel. "I told them they looked like a bunch of first-graders heading off to the first day of school."

Still, not all was negative. "We did a lot of things right, things we can build on and from," Seel said. "We didn't lose because we were fundamentally shaky. We simply lost to a better team. Fundamentally, we'll be alright. As we get into the season, as we get our injured players back into the line-up, as we get our senior leaders to step forward, we'll be very competitive."

The Lady Warriors traveled to Alton on Thursday and to Highland on Friday. Their next game is on Tuesday at Memorial Gymnasium against McCluer North. JV action starts at 6 p.m.



Kristen Ely and Breann Chastain wait for action to begin.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Baker

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said Baker. "I didn't make any money from it and I've got a pair of 700 leggs. But, I have something else. What I have — proudly, happily, luckily — is this feeling in my heart. It's a feeling of luck. "The Old Timers Soccer Hall of Fame, soccer and life itself do not concern themselves with being lucky but with feeling lucky. I feel lucky, and I thank all of you," Baker said.

Baker has coached high school soccer since 1968, when he began the soccer program at Riverview Gardens in St. Louis. He has coached at Granite City since 1973. He is the winningest active boys soccer coach in America, and trains only Eddie Dunn (Saint Louis University High) and Bob Horgan (Saint Louis Christian Brothers) on the all-time win list. When figures for girls soccer are added to that total, Baker is fast approaching 700 career wins, a mark he could reach during this year's boys campaign.

"This night really has nothing to do with recognition or achievement," said Baker away from the public ear. "It has to do with people, with friends against whom and with whom you've played. "St. Louis soccer is unique. It always had a cultural ethnicity, but all those involved were still St. Louis people. It was a melting pot, with distinct ethnic sections but blending into a style of play that made St. Louis soccer one of a kind."

It also has made Gene Baker one of a kind.

Art

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football master schedule and manual, Marion opened the '96 season with a 1-0 forfeit win over Paducah, (Ky.) Heath High.

"I don't think they (Paducah) showed up for the game," said Schott.

OVERTIME: Regarding the schedule, master Schott said he is quite willing to play East and Belleville West again in football.

"If we can play them other than on back-to-back weekends at the start of the season," explained Schott, who said the ouster of Lincoln of East St. Louis from the Southwestern Conference in 1998 could open the Belleville public school schedule.

Meanwhile, the Belleville city football series is headed toward its second season of only East and West doing battle.

Wanted: Stats, standings

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Highlights

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soccer is a phenomenal 689-163-68. His boys teams have amassed a 532-121-54 mark, while his girls squads have gone 157-42-14.

Baker's 532 wins in boys soccer is the most wins by any active coach and is third on the all-time list behind Saint Louis University's Ebbie Dunn (582) and Saint Louis Christian Brothers' Bob Horgan (571).

Baker's 472 wins at Granite City (472-97-54) places him second among active coaches in wins at one school. He trails only Gene Chyzowych of Maplewood Columbia, New Jersey (510), and is fourth on

the all-time list.

Baker's 14 appearances in the boys state tournament is an Illinois record, as are his nine state titles (five in succession, six in seven years). Baker's career state tournament coaching record is 31-3, the premier mark among Illinois coaches.

Baker holds every major coaching record in the state of Illinois.

Baker was a standout half-back on the 1963 Saint Louis University Billiken team that won the NCAA championship with an undefeated record.

Baker was named National High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year in both 1983 and 1988.

Warriors

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yard TD run by Ramsey, which made the score 21-7.

With 26 seconds left in the half, O'Fallon appeared to have another touchdown on an amazing 13-yard run by Holmes, who eluded tacklers after being chased well beyond

the line of scrimmage. But the TD was called back on a clipping penalty.

"Holmes is a one-man wrecking crew," Petrillo said. "I thought we had improved a lot (defensively), but he's the fastest kid I've seen in a long time. From talking to him

after the game, he also seems like a real fine young man, which is good to see in this day and age."

Petrillo also had reason to be proud of his team. A 61-yard touchdown pass from Smith to Brooks Narvaez brought the Warriors within seven points early in the third quarter, and a two-yard run by Smith sealed the game at 21-7 with 10:57 to play in the fourth quarter.

O'Fallon's Ramsey, a senior, came through big late in the game. On fourth down and five at the Granite City 13-yard line, he raced 41 yards off right tackle down to the 2. On the next play, with 3:21 left on the clock, he scored what proved to be the winning touchdown.

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Potato Classic
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The event will be a four-person scramble.
The Potato Classic is a charity event and carries an entry fee of a box or bag of non-perishable groceries and \$20 per person. Groceries will be donated to the Phoenix Crisis Center. A steak dinner and awards presentation will follow the tournament.

Sign up, register and pay green fees at Arlington.
Golfers in the tournament will try for numerous prizes, including a new car. \$200 will be awarded to the winner of the "Pretty Potato" contest.

For more information, call Joe Papa at 451-8062.

Fastpitch softball
The St. Louis Sluggers girls fastpitch softball teams are looking for players. The 14-and-under team needs one or two position players for the 1998 100-game season (catcher, third base, infield-outfield). The team is open to players born after Aug. 31, 1983. For more information call Mike Grasso at (314) 532-3218.

The 13-and-under team needs two position players for 1998.

Girls born after Aug. 31, 1983 may call Ken Lommel at (314) 458-9408. The 11-and-under team will hold tryouts Aug. 30 for girls born after Aug. 31, 1985. For more information, call (314) 894-7069 or (314) 532-3218.

Fall baseball
Baseball players born between June 1, 1979 and Dec. 31, 1992 are needed for a fall league in Florissant, Mo. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays through October.

The fee is \$35. Players should have their own transportation to the F.A.A. fields. For more information, call Joe at 876-5730.

Lady Raiders softball
The Brighton Lady Raiders 18-and-under fastpitch softball team is holding tryouts for the 1998 season. For more information, call 372-4283.

LCCC tennis
Lewis & Clark Community College is offering athletic scholarships for its women's tennis team. Scholarships are available to full-time students carrying a minimum of 12 hours.
For more information, call the athletic office at 466-3411.

GCHS soccer coach defines quality

It is almost absurd to attempt a column on Gene Baker.

The phrase, "a man who needs no introduction," was, I think, coined with him in mind.

He certainly needs no introduction to sports fans in Granite City.

But following what had to be an unforgettable night for Baker, the night when he was admitted to the elite ranks of the St. Louis Old Time Hall of Fame, the greater absurdity would be to say nothing.

Gene Baker was a quality soccer player, starting for the Saint Louis Billikens' undefeated 1965 NCAA champions. He is a quality soccer coach, amassing nearly 700 career victories at the high school level and coaching nine Granite City teams to state titles.

But, beyond the game of soccer, Gene Baker is a quality man.

He is living proof that good things happen to good people. On Thursday, at the Hall of Fame banquet in St. Louis, I visited with many people who have known Baker since childhood and some who have known him only more recently. In that group were former opponents, teammates and players; current assistants, administrators and acquaintances; family, friends



Pat Heston

and a ton of well-wishers. They came in different shapes and sizes, in different ages and conditions, in different accents and volume.

Some spoke of his prowess as a halfback, others of his skill and sagacity as a coach. Some told stories full of the laughter from bygone days, others mentioned more recent moments so meaningful that they struggled through tears to tell the tale. But, in time, all mentioned the man himself.

Whether this man of whom they spoke was father, friend

or foe, it was obvious that the man had powerfully touched their lives. In one way or another, they told me that Gene Baker is a quality man.

That is, perhaps, seen no more clearly than in Baker's refusal to bow his own horn. The recipient of many questions and statements regarding the honor of Hall of Fame selection, Baker would quickly but deftly deflect all attention away from himself to others. Others who he felt had made a greater contribution to the game of soccer than he had and who were responsible, more than he was, for the accomplishments of his life.

As I watched and listened

intently on Thursday night, a truth I had earlier known was confirmed: Gene Baker is a quality man. His coaching is but an extension of himself.

On my first visit as a sports writer to Granite City High School, Athletic Director Jerry McKechnan went out of his way to tell me that Gene Baker was that rare mix of quality coach with a quality man.

It didn't take me long to learn he was right.

And my words are certainly not news to anyone at Granite City High School or in the community.

Like I said, it seems absurd to even mention it. But it just seemed, more absurd not to.

Granite City native driving for title at Gateway International

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

When the ARCA Bando/Mar-Hyde stock cars run their 100-lap (125-mile) race at Gateway International Raceway on Friday, Sept. 14, Granite City native Rick Heuser will be in the hunt.

Heuser, in his Pizza-World-sponsored stock car, will be battling defending champion and current points leader Tim Steele of Coopersville, Mich., Mark Thompson of Cartersville, Ga., Frank Kimmel of Jeffersonville, Ind., Perry Tripp of Fredericktown, Mo., and St. Louisan Mike Wallace, who will be taking a weekend break from his duties as the driver of Ken Schrader's entry in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series.

Heuser, a 1977 graduate of Granite City South High School, will be attempting to qualify on

RACING

Friday afternoon, Sept. 12.

Grandstand admission on Friday is free to the public.

The ARCA cars will hold second-day qualifying on Saturday, Sept. 13, and then, will take center stage at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are still available for all sessions. Saturday, general admission tickets are \$10 (children under 12 are free with a paid adult admission). Sunday, adult reserved seats are \$25 and \$35, with children's tickets available for \$10 and \$20. Two-day adult combo tickets are priced at \$30 and \$40.

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SIUE announces dean's list candidates

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has announced the names of students qualifying for the dean's list for the 1997 summer term.

To qualify, a student must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or better and have 12 hours calculated (B is equivalent to 3.0; A to 4.0).

Listed here by hometown are names of students qualifying:

Belleville: April Elliott, Lisa Foster, Jason Gehlbach, Jane Hice, Marsha Hurt-Bevineau, Axel Jimenez, Trish Mease, Tara Myatt, Mark Port, Stacy Reel, William Riley Jr., Pamela Shannon and Danny Richard Shafer.

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Poker walk scheduled for later this month

The Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club and the Casino Queen have joined together to host the first "Poker Walk" Volkssport on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

The walk will start and finish at the lobby of the Casino Queen, 290 South Front Street, East St. Louis. Individuals taking part in the event may start the walk anytime between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. but must be finished by 4 p.m. Ample parking is available at the Casino Queen.

Walkers may take part in either a 5K (3.1 mile) or 10K (6.2 mile) walk. From the Casino Queen walkers will do a

portion of the walk in East St. Louis before taking the MetroLink into downtown St. Louis. After walking in St. Louis individuals will again take the MetroLink to return to the Casino Queen. To take part in the "Poker Walk," each individual will draw one card upon registration, an additional three will be drawn along the walk route, and the final card will be drawn upon finishing the walk. The highest hand will be awarded a satin Casino Queen jacket with the next to highest hands receiving either T-shirts or sweatshirts. For additional information, contact Tom at 233-6348.

Singers wanted for chorale

The 1997-98 season of the Metro East Community Chorus will begin with rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at Hillcrest Christian Church, 7401 W. Main St., Belleville. No auditions are necessary.

For more information, call Onnie Wargo at Hillcrest Christian Church, 397-5842.

Bike giveaway



Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE
Sandy and Scott Clement brought their daughters Amanda, 7, and Michelle, 8, in to Glik's Sports in Granite City to pick up the Dyno GT bicycle the family won in a giveaway contest sponsored by the store and Airwalk shoes.

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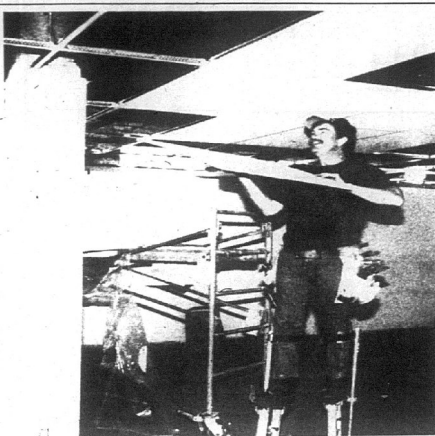
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Above, Richard Rose of Collinsville from Carpenters Local 295 wears stilts to put him up at ceiling level while hanging acoustic tiles in the newly refinished warehouse room behind Protestant Welfare's Community Care Center. The room will house a soup kitchen and several classrooms. The materials and labor for the project were mostly donated by concerned members and organizations in the community. At right, Tony Pashia of Granite City and Carpenters Local 633, hangs a tile along the wall after cutting it to size.

Singles retreat planned

The joys and concerns of being single will be the focus of discussion when the Southern Illinois Lutheran Singles host a three-day retreat Oct. 10-12. The retreat is for any single of any age or denomination, who has never married, been divorced or widowed. The weekend will feature Christopher Drager, DCE, who has been active in the Lutheran Church on a synodical, district and local level. Drager will focus on interactive/small group approaches to discussing the joys of being single. Also included is a Bible study, a DJ and line dancing Saturday evening, mixers and an opportunity for singles to meet other singles. The retreat will be held at the Collinsville Holiday Inn, at Interstate 55/70 and Highway 157. Costs range from \$96 to \$219. Fees are due Sept. 12; late arrangements can be made. Call Lisa Boester at 327-8142 or Terry Kelly at 327-9421 for more information.

College has free GED classes in September

Belleville Area College is offering free General Educational Development (GED) classes at various sites throughout the college's district in September. Morning classes meet from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. weekdays, from Sept. 16 to Oct. 10, at the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave.; the Granite City Campus, 4001 Macysville Road; and the Cahokia Goodwill Career Center, 1040 Camp Jackson Road. Students can register for classes starting at 9 a.m. Sept. 16 in the Belleville Campus Gym Lobby; the Granite City Campus Cafeteria; and the Career Center Lobby. Another daytime class will meet from 11 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. weekdays, from Sept. 16 to Oct. 10, at Centerville City Hall, 5800 Bond Ave. Students can register starting at 11 a.m. Sept. 16, in the Centerville City Hall Lobby. A morning class will be held from 9 to 11:50 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, from Sept. 8 to Nov. 5 at BAC's Red Bud Campus, 500 W. South Fourth St. Students can register at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, in Room 102 at the Red Bud Campus. An afternoon class will be held from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Sept. 9 to Nov. 6, at the Cahokia Library, 140 Cahokia Park Drive. Students can register at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in the library staff room. Another afternoon class is offered from 1 to 3:50 p.m.,

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from Sept. 16 to Nov. 5, at the Granite City Head Start Program building, 2100 Edison Ave. Students can register at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the parent meeting room at the head start building. Evening classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, from Sept. 8 to Nov. 5 at the Granite City Campus; Lebanon High School, 290 W. Schuette St.; and New Athens High School, at the intersection of Hanft and Belsha. Students can register at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, in the GCC Cafeteria; Room 3 of Lebanon High School; and Room 101 of New Athens High School. Evening classes that meet from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Sept. 9 to Nov. 4, include: DuPont High School, 600 Louisa Ave.; Kreitzer Elementary School, 9000 College Ave.; O'Fallon High School, 600 S. Smiley Ave. GED classes prepare area residents who have not received a high school diploma to take a test to receive a high school equivalency certificate. For more information, call BAC at 235-2700, extension 525, or toll-free in Illinois, at 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 525.

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